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<u>RESPONSE</u>

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on July 21, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that this Response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no fee is required in filing this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.